Statement

Details of medical claims bills for pensioners in CGHS dispensary North Avenue

Date	Total No. of Bills	Amount In Rupees	Remarks
14-2-05	5	7913.00	Bill cleared and sent to PAO for payment.
4-4-05	88	134118.00	-do-
29-4-05	22	5997.00	-do-
3-5-05	26	22130.00	-do-
25-5-05	45	56971.00	-do-
11-6-05	54	94646.00	-do-
29-6-05	33	60426.00	-do-
11-7-05	34	44476.00	-do-

Free treatment to poor patients

564. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to arrange for free heart and cardiac operations for poor people all over the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme to provide free cardiac care to the people living below poverty line;

(c) which are the hospitals where people can get such treatment;

(d) what steps are proposed to plan schemes so that cardiac treatment becomes free all over the country; and

(e) the time table for implementation of such a policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) Health is a State subject and the State Government is already providing comprehensive health care to the people, including the poor. Such health interventions also include treatment of cardiac ailments. However, to reduce the burden of the poor on costlier interventions, the Government

of India provides grants in the form of National Illness Assistance Fund (NIAF).

The NIAF provides for financial assistance to patients living below poverty line and suffering from major life threatening diseases, including for cardiac operations. Under this scheme, people living below poverty line can receive medical treatment at any of the super speciality Hospitals/ Institutes/Hospitals of the Government. Financial assistance to such patients is released in the form of one-time grant to the Medical Superintendent of the Government Hospitals in which the treatment is being received.

Pending medical claims

565. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that several crores of rupees pertaining to the medical treatment given to C.G.H.S. beneficiaries by the private hospitals approved by the C.GH.S. have been outstanding for the last several months;

(b) if so, the details of the each such hospital as on the 1st May, 2005 alongwith the specific reasons for not releasing the payment; and

(c) by when these dues are likely to be paid to each hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Details of pending bills of the CGHS recognised private hospitals in the various CGHS cities is given at StatementCSee below). The delay in clearance of the hospital bills by the CGHS was primarily due to release of funds for current financial year in the last week of April, 2005.

(c) The receipt and clearance of the medical bills in the CGHS is a continuous process and efforts are made to clear the same without much delay.